

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1129 – SB 1266

February 8, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes teachers and administrators to use, read, or post excerpts from the United States Constitution in a public school classroom, building, or during an event. Requires each student to be taught the foundational instruments, mechanisms, and values of American government. Requires a course of such instruction to be taught in all public schools. Sets forth requirements for such courses that shall be used. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to report to the Commissioner of Education their compliance with the content of courses as set forth in this bill. Copies of their reports shall be retained in each school for access by parents and the public.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012301): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes teachers and administrators to use, read, or post excerpts from the United States Constitution in a public school classroom, building, or during an event. Requires each student to be taught the foundational instruments, mechanisms, and values of American government at an age appropriate time prior to graduation from high school. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to include courses and content on the United States government and Tennessee government. Sets forth requirements for such courses that shall be used. The Commissioner of Education shall notify all local education agencies (LEAs) of the requirements of curriculum requirements. Requires the Department of Education to include information about the implementation of such curriculum in its annual report.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No change in cycle of textbook selection by the state textbook commission.
- The SBE will not have extra meetings or convene a task force.

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- Any change in the curriculum will be done in such a way that LEAs will not have a significant increase in expenditures outside of the normal purchasing cycle.
- Any increase in state and local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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